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SUBJECT: HAARETZ ARTICLE ON APPOINTMENT OF
US AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF FULL
TEXT OF FRONT PAGE MAY 8 ARTICLE BY HAARETZ'
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT DAN MARGALIT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: " MALCOLM TOON--HARDBOILED CAREER
DIPLOMAT TO BE APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL."
THE NEW AMERICAME AMBASSADORIN ISRAEL WILL BE
CAREER DIPLOMAT MALCOLM TOON, WHO HAS SO FAR
SERVED IN YUGOSLAVIA AND IS REGARDED AS A EXPERT
ON SOVIET AFFAIRS, RELIABLE SOURCES SAY.
TOON, 59, BORN IN NEW YORK, HAS SO FAR NOT SERVED
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS U.S.
AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, BUT THE SOVIETS HINTED THAT
HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF AN AGRESSIVE DIPLOMAT
AND IS NOT SUITABLE TO REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY IN
RUSSIA IN THE ERA OF DETENTE.
TOON HAS BEEN IN BELGRADE SINCE 1971. BEFORE THAT,
HE WAS U.S. AMBASSADOR IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE
APPOINTMENT STILL REQUIRES SENATE APPROVAL.
TOON IS REGARDED BY KISSINGER AS A HIGHLY
QUALIFIED DIPLOMAT.

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AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE

AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV IS LAX AND NOT IN
TOUCH WITH THE MOOD IN ISRAEL, WITH THE RESULT
THAT THERE ARE OCCASIONAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL " WHO'S WHO",
TOON IS 59, HAS A SON AND TWO DAUGHTERS, AND
HAS BEEEN IN THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE SINCE 1946.

HOBBIES: GOLF, TENNIS, HUNTING AND FISHING.

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